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Office of General Counsel
Federal Elections Commission
999 East Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Complaint against Bruce Poliquin, candidate for US Senate

Dear Madam/Sir:

This complaint is against Bruce Poliquin, the State Treasurer of Maine, who is seeking the Republican Party nomination for US Senate (see attached Statement of Organization). Mr. Poliquin did not file a financial report for the 1st Quarter of 2012, despite having contributions and expanditores (combined) of more than \$5,000 before 31 Mnrch 2012.

A candidate for Congress must file a FEC Form 2 if, "The aggregate of contributions received in 1 and 2 above combined exceeds \$5,000 or the aggregate of expenditures made in 1 and 2 above combined exceeds \$5,000."

Sen. Olympia Snowe announced that she would not seek re-election on 28 February 2012, leaving would-be candidates just 18 days (deadline 15 March 2012) to collect the necessary 2,000 signatures required to qualify for the primary ballot in June.

On 6 March, Alamo PAC donated \$5,000 to "Poliquin for US Senute" (see attacheti).

Because of the short time period within which to collect them, Mr. Poliquin hired help to gather the required signatures.

On 17 March 2012, a campaign kick-off party for Mr. Poliquin was held at the Masonic Hall on Rte. 90 in Warren, Maine (http://themaineteaparty.com/events/poliquin-kick-off). Mr. Poliquin wrote about the party on his campaign website shortly afterward (http://bruceforsunate.com/news/1-kickoff).

The expenditures that the Poliquin for US Senate campaign made qualifying for the ballot, as well as the kick-off party for the campaign, and the cost of creating and hosting

a website, when combined with the \$5,000 donation from Alamo PAC, trigger the requirement for a candidate to file.

I ask that the Commission investigate this matter and compel Mr. Bruce Poliquin to file a campaign finance report.

Thank you.

Gerald Weinand

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Notarize: Having been signed and sworn before me under penalty of perjury

J. Elizabeth Fowles Comm. exp. 10/21/15

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STATEMENT OF

RECEIVED SECRETARY OF THE SENATE PUBLIC RECORDS

(Revised 02/2009)

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